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PENALTIES FOR LATE AND INCOMPLETE MMPs

The DNR has recently updated the animal feeding operations database for producers who need a manure management plan (MMP). This allows the DNR to track MMP submittals and send referrals for MMPs that are more than one month late. For example, if a plan was due Jan. 1, the DNR will notify the producer after 10 days, and then refer the producer for an administrative penalty if the plan has not been received by the last day in January. Penalties for a late plan can be more than \$3,000 and the DNR will conduct annual on-site MMP inspections after a producer has been referred. Producers who submit incomplete updates or plans have 10 working days to submit the needed information.

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P INDEX RESULTS VITAL FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED ORIGINAL MMPs

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Confinement producers need to submit a P index-based manure management plan (MMP). The submittal due date will depend upon when they submitted their original or first-time MMP. If that was between April 1, 2002, and Oct. 24, 2004, their P index detailed report, including the soil loss calculations (specifically the RUSLE2 Profile Erosion Calculation Record), are due with their first updated MMP submitted after Aug. 25, 2006. If the original MMP was submitted prior to April 1, 2002, then the first P index-based plan is due with the first update after August 25, 2008.

If a producer adds fields to the original MMP, producers should take soil samples and run RUSLE2 calculations and the P Index for any new fields that are added. As the MMP is updated annually, producers should submit the MMP Short Form 2 to the DNR, but can keep the detailed soil sample results, P Index and RUSLE2 calculations on site until a complete MMP is due again.

Producers must also use proper soil testing techniques, including taking one soil sample for every 10 acres. For example, if a producer has 72 acres, eight soil samples must be taken.

While producers can use existing soil tests that don't meet the new requirements with their original (first-time submittal for a new site or expansion of an existing site) MMP, the updated MMP, P-index and RUSLE2 calculations must be submitted to the DNR within one year of the original MMP submittal and must meet the minimum requirements.

The DNR will not be granting exemptions or extensions of the deadlines for the P index-based plans. See the DNR Web site for [more information](#) about the P index.

The Iowa State University [soil fertility Web site](#) has information about soil sampling. Back issues of [Odor and Nutrient Management](#) also have more information.